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July 2, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair, California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the application by the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Implementation Program in the amount of \$92,000 to fund the "Phase II Final Design and Permitting project."

Humboldt Bay has the potential to be a world class destination for non-motorized boating. However, boating opportunities are restricted by a limited number of bay access sites. Improved access would substantially enhance the bay's appeal to non-motorized boaters and increase opportunities for residents and visitors.

The Water Trails Implementation Strategy is the result of a comprehensive planning effort with broad public input. Phase II would complete the necessary final design and permitting for high priority access projects identified in the implementation strategy.

This proposed project is one component of a larger program to develop water trail educational materials and improve infrastructure so that Humboldt Bay may achieve its full capacity as an exceptional location for non-motorized boating. This is also an important opportunity for economic stimulation for this area.

I urge approval of funding for this project.

Respectfully,


WESLEY CHESBRO

Assemblyman, 1st District

cc: Adam Wagschel, Director of Conservation

Karen Diemer, Deputy Director, Environmental Service Department

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July 2, 2010

State Coastal Conservancy
Board Chairman Douglas Bosco
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express support for the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Implementation Program – Phase II Final Design and Permitting project. The Humboldt Bay Harbor and Recreation Conservation District has provided tremendous leadership to North Coast communities and agencies in the area of water trail development, coastal access, and ecosystem restoration over the past several years. Their expertise and commitment to this effort make them the perfect candidate to successfully advance the Humboldt County Water Trails Implementation Strategy.

The City of Arcata completed a survey of over 1100 area residents in 2009 as part of our Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. This survey indicated a strong desire by the community for additional access to local waterways. More detailed planning through our Master Plan process resulted in a priority 1 project to improve non-motorized watercraft facilities at the Arcata Marsh, as proposed by this project. The City recognizes the great economic and quality of life benefits that will be realized from a Humboldt Bay water trail.

The Water Trails Implementation Strategy is the result of a comprehensive planning effort with broad public input of which the City of Arcata has participated in. Projects have been identified and selected to provide the public with as large a range of access as possible considering tide water elevation changes throughout the Bay. Phase II will complete final design and permitting for high priority projects including the Arcata Marsh project identified in the implementation strategy and the City's Master Plan.

The City offers its appreciation and support to Humboldt Bay Harbor District and the State Coastal Conservancy for continuing the important work of creating coastal access and water trail connectivity throughout the North Coast. If you have questions, please contact me directly at (707) 825.2200 or at kdiemer@cityofarcata.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Diemer, Deputy Director
City of Arcata, Environmental Services Department



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July 6, 2010

Douglas Bosco
Chair, California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Water Trails Implementation Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Implementation Program – Phase II Final Design and Permitting project.

Humboldt Bay is a great setting for canoeing and kayaking. Its calm, flat water provides for easy paddling combined with scenic vistas, as well as opportunities for wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting and other forms of recreation. The Bay's immediate proximity to Eureka and Arcata, the two largest cities in Humboldt County, makes it an easy way for people to interact with the natural environment right in their own backyard. It truly has the potential to be a world-class destination for non-motorized boating.

However, the Bay's potential as a boating destination is limited by the small number of safe access sites. Improved access would substantially enhance the bay's appeal to non-motorized boaters and increase opportunities for residents and visitors.

There are currently only three official canoe and kayak access points on Humboldt Bay. This lack of safe access leads many paddlers to use unofficial and unsafe access locations, which often involve trespassing, unsafe parking and disturbance to sensitive shoreline areas.

The Water Trails Implementation Program Phase II will build upon the conceptual plans and designs developed under Phase I, and will enable the development of final construction plans and full permitting for three high priority access sites at the Arcata Marsh, Woodley Island Marina and Samoa Boat Ramp County Park. Facilities at the Arcata Marsh will include a new dock that will allow for water access at all tide heights, as well as a public toilet and parking lot improvements. At Woodley Island Marina, a step-down platform will be added to an existing dock to improve non-motorized boat access. At the Samoa Boat Ramp County Park, the launch site, restrooms, and parking lot will all be improved.

This project is the result of a comprehensive planning effort based on broad public input, and is one component of a larger program that will also develop water trail educational materials and improve infrastructure so that Humboldt Bay may achieve its full capacity as an exceptional location for non-motorized boating.

I strongly support funding for the proposed project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if there is any information I may provide for you.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, 3rd District Supervisor
County of Humboldt

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July 2, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair, California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to encourage your support for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District's efforts toward implementing a comprehensive water trails program for the Humboldt Bay region. While Humboldt Bay is one of the most scenic and unspoiled bays on the west coast, paddling opportunities are limited due to antiquated facilities and ill-equipped access sites. Recognizing these limitations, local jurisdictions, stakeholders, non-profit and community groups initiated a phased approach toward enhancing the local paddling conditions. The Harbor District's Phase II Final Design and Permitting project is the next important step for improving non-motorized boating access for area residents and visitors.

Phase I of The Humboldt Bay Water Trails Implementation Program was completed by the Natural Resources Services Division of Redwood Community Action Agency in 2008, with funding provided by the State Coastal Conservancy. The project detailed a series of high-priority recommendations for infrastructure and safety improvements, as well as the development of educational and interpretive materials for non-motorized boaters on Humboldt Bay. The Harbor District's proposed Phase II project will complete the final designs and permitting needed for these infrastructure improvements and will allow local jurisdictions to pursue implementation funding.

After developing the initial water trail recommendations through the Humboldt Bay Trails Feasibility Study in 2001 and establishing a comprehensive Water Trails Implementation Strategy in 2008, we are excited to see the continuing efforts toward establishing Humboldt Bay as a premier paddling destination. If you have any questions regarding our support of this project, please contact me at (707) 269-2064. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Lohoefer,
Projects Coordinator,
Natural Resources Services Division,
Redwood Community Action Agency

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